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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants request consideration of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are in English except for WO 03/075885 and EP 1063007.

WO 03/075885 is the published version of PCT/FR03/00797, of which the present application is the U.S. national stage. The WO publication is of course not prior art herein. A full English translation of the PCT application was filed herein on September 10, 2004.

EP 1063007 was cited during the international phase of this application in the ISR and IPER, both of which were provided herein in French and English. An English-language

abstract and patent family search is attached to the copy of EP 1063007 submitted herewith. Also attached to that copy is a brief statement of relevance. Applicants do not have an English translation of the reference.

Applicants have cited herein several U.S. patent documents in lieu of their foreign counterparts cited in the ISR and IPER. Thus, in place of WO 99/56725, applicants are citing its U.S. counterparts, Fanara et al. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,464,987 and 6,471,970. Also, in place of FR 2281162, applicants are citing the U.S. counterpart, Saito et al. U.S. Patent No. 3,969,087.

This statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these papers and that an Examiner-initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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